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ORGANIZATION OF PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE;
COMMITTEE FOR BULGARIAN SPORTS HOLIDAY

SUPREME COMMITTEE FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORT -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 19 Sep 52

The following information is extracted from Regulation (Razporezhadane) No 2731 of the Council of Ministers entitled Ruling (Pravilnik) on the Duties and Organization of the VKFS (Vurkhoven komitet za fizkultura; sport, Supreme Committee for Physical Culture and Sport).

The Supreme Committee is an organ of the Council of Ministers which carries out state policy in the fields of physical culture and sport. It consists of the following: a chairman; vice-chairmen; the chiefs of the Education and Sports Administration and of the organization and inspection section of the VKFS; the secretaries of the Central Council of Trade Unions and of the Central Committee of the DSNM (Dimitrov Union of People's Youth) in charge of physical culture; the vice-chairman of the DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation); the chairman of the Sofia Committee for Physical Culture and Sport; the chairman of the General Union of TPZK (Artisan Production and Labor Cooperatives); the vice-chairman of the KNIK (Committee for Science, Art, and Culture); the assistant ministers of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Public Education, the Ministry of National Defense, and the Ministry of Interior in charge of physical culture; and the rector of the "Georgi Dimitrov" Visshe uchilishte za fizicheska kultura (College for Physical Culture). The Council of Ministers approves the membership of the Supreme Committee and appoints its chairman and vice-chairmen.

An okrug committee for physical culture and sport is an organ of the executive committee of an okrug people's soviet of workers' deputies and is subordinate to that executive committee, as well as to the VKFS.

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An okrug committee consists of from nine to eleven members, who are state officials and representatives of the following organizations: okrug council of trade unions, okrug committee of the DSNM, okrug council of the Voluntary Sport Organization for the Rural Population (Dobrovolna sportna organizatsiya za selakoto naselenie), okrug council of DOSO, as well as representatives of establishments connected with physical culture and sports and masters of sport (maystor na sporta). A chairman heads the okrug committee and is in charge of all physical culture and sport activities in the okrug.

An okoliya (or city) committee for physical culture and sport is an organ of the executive committee of an okoliya (or city) people's soviet of workers' deputies and is subordinate to that executive committee, as well as to the okrug committee for physical culture and sport.

An okoliya (or city) committee consists of from seven to nine members, who are state officials and representatives of the following organizations: okoliya committee of the DSNM and okoliya council of the Voluntary Sport Organization for the Rural Population, as well as representatives of physical culture groups, representatives of establishments connected with physical culture and sport, masters of sport, and persons excelling in physical culture activities (otlichnik na fizikurnata rabota). A chairman heads the okoliya (or city) committee and is in charge of all physical culture and sport activities in the okoliya (or city).

This ruling replaces the 1948 ruling and is effective as of 19 September 1952.

RURAL SPORT ORGANIZATION CREATED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 1 Nov 52

[Comment: It may be of interest to note that private farmers are to be included as members of the new organization described below.]

In complying with an order of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Council of Ministers, the VKPS (Supreme Committee for Physical Culture and Sport) has created a temporary central council for the new Voluntary Sport Organization for the Rural Population.

The new organization will unite rural workers, especially members of TKZS (cooperatives, labor farms, private farmers, the rural intelligentsia, and family members of all these).

The basic organizational unit of the new organization is the physical culture collective (fizikulturen kolektiv). These collectives must be organized in TKZS. Should there be no TKZS in the area, the collectives must be organized on a territorial basis. The new organization will play an important part in training the rural population for high productivity, for greater production, for improving their skills in sports, and for defense of the fatherland.

Temporary okrug and okoliya councils will be established in connection with the new organization.

PHYSICAL CULTURE GROUPS INCREASE -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 3 Nov 52

During 1950, there were 3,490 rural physical culture groups with 193,834 members in Bulgaria, and 11,454 persons among the rural population were awarded the GTO (Gotov za trud i obrana, Ready for Work and Defense) medal. During 1951, there were 3,820 such groups with 236,913 members, including 26,535 new recipients of the GTO medal. During the first 9 months of 1952, there were 3,890 groups with 264,196 members, including 26,306 who were newly awarded the GTO medal.

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To date there are a total of 65,000 persons in rural physical culture groups who have been awarded the GTO medal. Twenty-six percent of the members of the physical culture groups are women.

NATIONWIDE SPORTS HOLIDAY TO BE ORGANIZED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 19 Nov 52

According to a decision of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Council of Ministers, a nationwide sports holiday will be organized during 1953. Villages and okoliya centers will celebrate on 24 May 1953; okrug centers, on 14 June 1953; and Sofia, on 5 July 1953.

A central organizational committee will be established for this event, to be composed of the following:

Chairman: Col Gen Ivan Mikhaylov, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Vice-chairmen: Lt Gen Vladimir Stoychev, chairman of the VKFS (Supreme Committee for Physical Culture and Sport); Luchezar Avramov, secretary of the Central Committee of the DSNM (Dimitrov Union of People's Youth); Stoyan Stoyanov, vice-chairman of the VKFS; and Krum Mikhaylov, secretary of the Central Council of Trade Unions

Members: Angel Vasev and Botyu Botev, vice-chairmen of the VKFS; Georgi Pavlov, chief of the Education and Sports Administration at the VKFS; Filip Genov, chairman of the Central Council of the DSO "Urozhay" ("Urozhay" Voluntary Sports Organization); Col Eygeni Kumbiliev, representative of the Ministry of Defense; Maj Gen Delcho Cholakov, representative of the Ministry of the Interior; Arseni Nikov, chief of the physical culture section of the Ministry of Public Education; Krustyu Dobrev, vice-chairman of the KNIK (Committee for Science, Art, and Culture); Dragan Dimitrov Vurbanov, of the National Council of the Fatherland Front; Kiril Lazarov Dimitrov, representative of the General Union of TZPK (Artisan Production and Labor Cooperatives) [also known as TPZK]; Gen Stoyu Stoev, vice-chairman of the Central Council of DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation); and Dimitur Paunov, representative of the NIRS (People's Hunting and Fishing Union).

[Comment: Note that Gen Stoyu Stoev is listed above as a vice-chairman of the Central Council of DOSO. This is apparently a demotion since, while on 25 September 1951, a Major General Stoev was elected chairman of DOSO (see 00-W-20646), a 24 April 1952 article in Vecherni Novini mentioned Dobri Terpeshev as chairman.]

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